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DIARY NOTES

DD/S [REDACTED]

3 January 1964

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1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. I reported that we had contingency plans to carry on communications in the Middle East if the [REDACTED] station for any reason should have to close down.

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b. I also reported that, according to the [REDACTED] Senator Robertson had advised him by telephone that the \$5,000 in our budget for the [REDACTED] had been approved.

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2. Heinz Abersfeller, Administrator of Region 3, GSA, telephoned to offer two buildings, one at 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., containing 91,000 square feet and another at 20th and L Streets, N. W., containing 139,000 square feet, both of which would become available about 15 February. He said that we could have either or both buildings for approximately \$5 per square foot, provided of course that we pick up the tab for the life of the lease. (See my Memorandum of Conversation.)

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4. I related to General Carter a report from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had sent simultaneously sixteen test messages through our system on New Year's Day at 6 a.m. to various Latin American capitals. General Carter asked for a brief report on this with as much detail as possible as to why [REDACTED] sent these messages, what purpose was served, whether he sent any messages over his own system, etc.

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5. Emmett Echols talked with me about sending [REDACTED] to the Automatic Data Processing School at the Department of Agriculture. I approved of submission of both their names if they can be spared from their jobs.

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6. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning Dick Helms reported briefly on a flap in [REDACTED] involving a Russian

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7. Dick Helms stopped by after the Executive Committee Meeting.

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a. We discussed [REDACTED] possible assignment to the Office of Training. Dick said that he had not realized that Matt Baird was going to stay around for a considerable length of time and had only learned this from John after his talk with me. I reviewed Matt's entire case with Dick and told him that Matt had been invited to remain on duty until he has completed twenty years of Government service, which would be approximately three years from now. Whether he will actually do so, I do not know; but, as of now at least, this is his option. I also explained to Dick that I was not particularly interested in John except for a long-term commitment, about which he requested that I elaborate. I said that I really meant this as a permanent assignment and not just another tour of duty. It was obvious that Dick was not pleased at this position. I insisted, however, that continuity was very important and that, although I recognized that circumstances could change at any time to alter this situation, I did not want John to take this position with the idea that he would be there for only a year or two and then move on somewhere else. Later in the day I advised General Carter that I had talked with John, and he indicated that he thought John would be a good choice.

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b. I reminded Dick that [REDACTED] had been with us much longer than had been agreed. I said that I was not pressing to have him transferred immediately but that I had assumed DD/P would be asking for him to come back before too long. He said that he would take a reading on this and let me know.

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